

Claims

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. A fishing jig, which comprises:

a generally spherical body including an exterior surface, an interior, a front, a back, a top, a bottom and a generally cylindrical base protruding downwardly from said bottom; said base having an annular base sidewall connected to said bottom and terminating at a relatively flat, circular base lower face, said face lying generally in a plane located below said body with said jig upright;

a fishhook passage extending through said body and including first and second openings at said body exterior surface;

a fishhook mounted on said body and projecting outwardly from the exterior surface thereof, said fishhook including a shaft;

said fishhook shaft including a proximate end, a distal end, an extension section, a curved return section connected to said extension section and a barb connected to said return section and located at said shaft distal end;

said fishhook shaft including an inner section positioned within said passage and located generally between said shaft proximate end and said extension section;

said passage including a first leg extending inwardly into said body from said first opening and a second leg extending inwardly into said body from said second opening;

said fishhook shaft including first and second legs connected to each other and located generally between said proximate end and said extension section, said shaft legs being received in said passage first and second legs respectively;

said fishhook shaft first and second legs and said passage first and second legs forming angles of between 90 degrees to 180 degrees with respect to each other;

said fishhook being mounted in said body with its shaft extension section extending generally rearwardly therefrom and with said shaft return section extending generally upwardly from said extension section and with said barb located generally above said shaft extension section;

said body including a deflector receiver extending into the interior thereof and open at said body exterior surface between said body top and back;

a deflector with a proximate end and a distal end, said deflector extending generally upwardly and rearwardly from said body with said distal end thereof located in front of said barb, said deflector forming an angle of approximately 45 degrees with respect to said fishhook shaft extension section;

said deflector comprising a plurality of bristles, each said deflector bristle having a respective proximate end fixedly secured in said deflector receiver and a respective bristle distal end, said bristle distal ends being cut across a generally horizontal, longitudinally-extending line whereby said deflector distal end is angled at approximately 45 degrees;

said bristle distal ends terminating slightly above the level of said barb and said rearmost bristle distal end being located slightly in front of said barb; and

said fishhook including a line connector comprising an eyelet formed at the proximate end of said fishhook shaft, said eyelet being positioned in spaced relation upwardly and forwardly from said body exterior surface in proximity to said passage first opening and adapted for connecting a line thereto.

2. The jig according to claim 1, which includes:
a layer of coating material on said body.
3. The jig according to claim 1 wherein said first and second shaft and passage legs are angled at approximately 120 degrees with respect to each other.
4. The jig according to claim 1 wherein said first and second shaft and passage legs are angled at approximately 135 degrees with respect to each other.
5. The jig according to claim 1 wherein said first and second shaft and passage legs are angled at approximately 150 degrees with respect to each other.
6. The jig according to claim 1 wherein said first and second shaft and passage legs are angled at approximately 180 degrees with respect to each other.

7. The jig according to claim 1 wherein
said bristle distal ends are positioned no more than 1/8 inch above the level of said barb
and said bristles have varying lengths, with the frontmost bristle being shortest and
the rearmost bristle being longest; and
said rearmost bristle distal end is located no more than 1/4 inch in front of said barb.

8. The jig according to claim 7, which includes:
said fishhook comprising a primary fishhook;
an auxiliary fishhook including an eyelet;
said auxiliary fishhook being substantially smaller than said primary fishhook; and
a rubber or elastic band with a front end received in said primary fishhook eyelet and a
back end received in said auxiliary fishhook eyelet; and
said band extending over the top of said body, around said deflector proximate end and
retaining said auxiliary fishhook in proximity to said body back.

9. The jig according to claim 1, which includes:
said fishhook comprising a primary hook; and
a secondary hook mounted on said body and projecting from the outer surface thereof in
proximity to said primary hook.

10. The jig according to claim 2 wherein said coating material comprises high
visibility paint.

11. The jig according to claim 1 wherein said fishhook comprises forged, tempered, stainless-steel with a relatively flat return section.

12. The jig according to claim 1, which includes:

a swivel connector depending downwardly from said base lower face and including an upper end fixedly embedded in said body and a freely rotatable lower end with an eyelet;

a connecting ring received in said eyelet;

a spoon with: a first, convex side; a second, concave side; an attached end; and a receiver in said attached end receiving said connecting ring, said spoon being adapted to swivel with respect to said body about said swivel connector as said fishing jig is pulled through water;

an auxiliary fishhook including an eyelet;

said auxiliary fishhook being substantially smaller than said primary fishhook;

a rubber or elastic band with a front end received in said primary fishhook eyelet and a back end received in said auxiliary fishhook eyelet; and

said band extending over the top of said body, around said deflector proximate end and retaining said auxiliary fishhook in proximity to said body back.

13. A fishing jig, which comprises:

a generally spherical body including an exterior surface, an interior, a front, a back, a top, a bottom and a generally cylindrical base protruding downwardly from said bottom; said base having an annular base sidewall connected to said bottom and terminating at a relatively flat, circular base lower face, said face lying generally in a plane located below said body with said jig upright;

a fishhook passage extending through said body and including first and second openings at said body exterior surface;

a primary fishhook mounted on said body and projecting outwardly from the exterior surface thereof, said fishhook including a shaft;

said fishhook shaft including a proximate end, a distal end, an extension section, a curved return section connected to said extension section and a barb connected to said return section and located at said shaft distal end;

said fishhook shaft including an inner section positioned within said passage and located generally between said shaft proximate end and said extension section;

said passage including a first leg extending inwardly into said body from said first opening and a second leg extending inwardly into said body from said second opening;

said fishhook shaft including first and second legs connected to each other and located generally between said proximate end and said extension section, said shaft legs being received in said passage first and second legs respectively;

said fishhook shaft first and second legs and said passage first and second legs forming

angles of between 90 degrees and 180 degrees with respect to each other;

said fishhook being mounted in said body with its shaft extension section extending

generally rearwardly therefrom and with said shaft return section extending generally

upwardly from said extension section and with said barb located generally above

said shaft extension section;

said body including a deflector receiver extending into the interior thereof and open at said

body exterior surface between said body top and back;

a deflector with a proximate end and a distal end, said deflector extending generally

upwardly and rearwardly from said body with said distal end thereof located in front

of said barb, said deflector forming an angle of approximately 45 degrees with

respect to said fishhook shaft extension section;

said deflector comprising a plurality of bristles, each said deflector bristle having a

respective proximate end fixedly secured in said deflector receiver and a respective

bristle distal end, said bristle distal ends being cut across a generally horizontal,

longitudinally-extending line whereby each said bristle distal end is angled at

approximately 45 degrees and said bristle distal ends are generally coplanar and

flush;

said bristle distal ends terminating slightly above the level of said barb and said rearmost

bristle distal end being located slightly in front of said barb;

said fishhook including a line connector comprising an eyelet formed at the proximate end

of said fishhook shaft, said eyelet being positioned in spaced relation upwardly and

forwardly from said body exterior surface in proximity to said passage first opening and adapted for connecting a line thereto;

a swivel connector depending downwardly from said base lower face and including an upper end fixedly embedded in said body and a freely rotatable lower end with an eyelet;

a connecting ring received in said eyelet;

a spoon with: a first, convex side; a second, concave side; an attached end; and a receiver in said attached end receiving said connecting ring, said spoon being adapted to swivel with respect to said body about said swivel connector as said fishing jig is pulled through water;

an auxiliary fishhook including an eyelet;

said auxiliary fishhook being substantially smaller than said primary fishhook;

a rubber or elastic band with a front end received in said primary fishhook eyelet and a back end received in said auxiliary fishhook eyelet; and

said band extending over the top of said body, around said deflector proximate end and retaining said auxiliary fishhook in proximity to said body back.

14. The jig according to claim 13 wherein said body is coated with a coating material comprising a high visibility paint.

15. The jig according to claim 13 wherein said fishhook comprises forged, tempered, stainless-steel with a relatively flat return section.

16. A fishing jig, which comprises:

a generally spherical body including an exterior surface, an interior, a front, a back, a top, a bottom and a generally cylindrical base protruding downwardly from said bottom;

said base having an annular base sidewall connected to said bottom and terminating at a relatively flat, circular base lower face, said face lying generally in a plane located below said body with said jig upright;

a fishhook passage extending through said body and including first and second openings at said body exterior surface;

a fishhook mounted on said body and projecting outwardly from the exterior surface thereof, said fishhook including a shaft;

said fishhook shaft including a proximate end, a distal end, an extension section, a curved return section connected to said extension section and a barb connected to said return section and located at said shaft distal end;

said fishhook shaft including an inner section positioned within said passage and located generally between said shaft proximate end and said extension section;

said passage including a first leg extending inwardly into said body from said first opening and a second leg extending inwardly into said body from said second opening;

said fishhook shaft including first and second legs connected to each other and located generally between said proximate end and said extension section, said shaft legs being received in said passage first and second legs respectively;

said fishhook shaft first and second legs and said passage first and second legs forming

angles of between 90 degrees and 180 degrees with respect to each other;

said fishhook being mounted in said body with its shaft extension section extending

generally rearwardly therefrom and with said shaft return section extending generally

upwardly from said extension section and with said barb located generally above

said shaft extension section;

said body including a deflector receiver extending into the interior thereof and open at said

body exterior surface between said body top and back;

a deflector with a proximate end and a distal end, said deflector extending generally

upwardly and rearwardly from said body with said distal end thereof located in front

of said barb, said deflector forming an angle of approximately 45 degrees with

respect to said fishhook shaft extension section;

said deflector comprising a plurality of bristles, each said deflector bristle having a

respective proximate end fixedly secured in said deflector receiver and a respective

bristle distal end, said bristle distal ends being cut across a generally horizontal,

longitudinally-extending line whereby each said bristle distal end is angled at

approximately 45 degrees and said bristle distal ends are generally coplanar and

flush;

said bristle distal ends terminating slightly above the level of said barb and said rearmost

bristle distal end being located slightly in front of said barb;

said fishhook including a line connector comprising an eyelet formed at the proximate end

of said fishhook shaft, said eyelet being positioned in spaced relation upwardly and

forwardly from said body exterior surface in proximity to said passage first opening and adapted for connecting a line thereto;

a swivel connector depending downwardly from said base lower face and including an upper end fixedly embedded in said body and a freely rotatable lower end with an eyelet;

a connecting ring received in said eyelet; and

a spoon with: a first, convex side; a second, concave side; an attached end; and a receiver in said attached end receiving said connecting ring, said spoon being adapted to swivel with respect to said body about said swivel connector as said fishing jig is pulled through water.

17. The jig according to claim 13 wherein said body is coated with a coating material comprising a high visibility paint.

18. The jig according to claim 16 wherein said fishhook comprises forged, tempered, stainless-steel with a relatively flat return section.